

I-5 – South 317th Street HOV Direct Access Project Update

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Construction Update

Crews have finished removing the 42-year-old pavement from southbound I-5. They are running the rubble through a crusher and the crushed material will be used as a base under the new pavement.

A lot of work is going on on the southbound right shoulder. Workers are installing drainage near S. 320th Street. We're also still grading this shoulder – it needs to be widened to provide room to build the direct access ramps that will connect to Sound Transit's new Federal Way Transit Center, on which construction also continues. Construction on the retaining wall to the north of the S. 317th bridge abutment continues.

Crews have begun driving piles that will help shore up the dirt around the area where they will build the second S. 317th bridge support (to the west of the temporary roadway).

You can view construction photos at
http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/S317th_DirectAccess/photos.

Improved Traffic Web Sites

Last week, WSDOT launched new versions of our travel information Web pages for the Seattle and Tacoma areas (and for the Bellingham area and the Canadian border). We designed the new versions to be easy to use and more intuitive.

On the left side of the pages are links to all different kinds of information. For example, if you want to find out how long it would take you to get from Seattle to Federal Way right now, just click on the "Travel Times" link (<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/seattle/traveltimes>). You can find out the current and average travel times between many different Seattle area cities on this page.

The improved traffic Web pages also allow you to bookmark traffic cameras. So if you'd like to see what's going on right now in our project area, visit http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Traffic/seattle/i5_s320th.htm#cam. Bookmark it and come back anytime!

There is a wealth of other traffic information at your fingertips – come and see:

Seattle: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/seattle/>

Tacoma: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/tacoma>

Bellingham: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/bellingham>

The U.S./Canadian border: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/border/>

Highway Advisory Radio Updates

If you thirst for more knowledge, listen to **AM 1520** in Federal Way for weekly updates on our project. If you have any comments or questions about our radio messages, e-mail Laura Johnson at JohnsoL@wsdot.wa.gov.
